

Year 12 Geography Bridging Work

Why does Antarctica matter?

Antarctica is important for a wide variety of reasons, including:

- Antarctica's world-leading science
- The continent's unique biodiversity and landscapes
- As a location which still inspires people with awe and wonder of the natural world
- Antarctica's unique status as the only continent in the world without countries
- Antarctica's governance by the Antarctic Treaty which promotes science, peaceful purposes, sets aside territorial claims and prevents military activity

Task)

You are required to produce a 1500 word essay, answering the question 'Why does Antarctica matter?' Your essay must meet all of the criteria outlined below:

- ✓ Describe a wide variety of reasons why Antarctica matters and explain in detail the linkages between these reasons
- ✓ Demonstrate a strong use of annotated diagrams, informative graphics or maps and include a discussion of their reliability and effectiveness
- ✓ Reference both historical and contemporary concepts
- ✓ Have a strong concluding statement or summary
- ✓ Excellent attention to spelling, punctuation and grammar
- ✓ Use of accurate geographical terminology throughout

Please bring your essay to your first Geography lesson in September. We hope you enjoy researching this fascinating topic. Good luck!